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Naoko KIDA, et al.

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For: USING BONE MARROW

METHOD FOR THREE-DIMENSIONAL CARTILAGE TISSUE ENGINEERING IN SIMULATED

CELLS ENVIRONMENT

MICROGRAVITY

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 24, 2008, please consider the remarks in the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.